

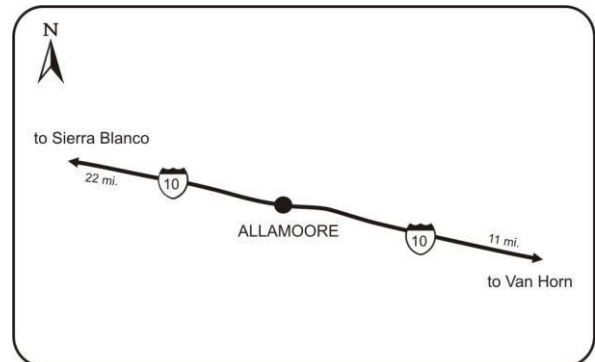


SIERRA DIABLO WMA

Drawn Gun Hunts - Hudspeth and Culberson counties

BACKGROUND

The Sierra Diablo WMA is 11,624 acres and is named for and located the mountain range extending north and south along the Hudspeth and Culbertson county line. The area was acquired by Texas Parks and Wildlife in 1945 to serve as a sanctuary for the last remaining desert bighorn sheep in Texas. The Area is currently utilized for the restoration, conservation, and management of bighorn sheep and contains the largest free-ranging population of bighorn sheep in Texas. such, caution must be used while hunting for other species. The WMA has a well-established and stable desert mule deer population. Rough rugged hills and steep canyons make up the area which is reached from the southwest across gentle, sloping foothills. After attaining an average elevation of 6,200 feet, the topography breaks sharply with 2,000 foot drops to the desert floor to the east.



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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Drawn hunters must meet area staff at 9:00 a.m. (Central Time), the first day of your hunt period, on IH 10, 11 miles west Van Horn, Exit 129 (Allamoore Exit, north service road). Access to the Area requires departmental escort through private ranches with locked gates along the way. Travel to and from the Area by permitted hunters will be accomplished as a group. A hunt orientation will be given to hunters after arriving at the area and hunt compartments will be assigned and topographical maps provided to hunters. Hunts will be conducted from 12:00 noon the 1st day through 12:00 noon on last day. All hunters will be required to stay on the Area for the entire duration of the hunt. Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation. Hunters should contact the area about possible burn bans before the hunt (432/364-2228).

ONLY PERSONS DRAWN FOR PERMITS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HUNT AREA. (A non-permitted companion will not be allowed to accompany a permitted hunter except for a non-hunting adult assisting a disabled permitted hunter.) Due to conditions of access roads, 4-wheel drive vehicles are required. No person may hunt from a motor vehicle or possess a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle except disabled persons may hunt from a stationary vehicle. ATVs and ORVs are prohibited except for use by disabled persons or an adult directly assisting the permitted disabled hunter. Hunters selected for public deer hunts will be required to camp on the Area. No RVs or trailers will be permitted due to road conditions. All hunters must bring water and other supplies needed for primitive camping. Cold storage facilities are not available on the area so hunters should come prepared to store their harvest in ice/ice chests if the weather is warm. All hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange material with 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear (a blaze orange vest and cap will meet requirements). Legal weapons include centerfire or muzzleloading firearms, crossbows, and archery equipment. Buckshot may not be used or possessed.

Bag limit will be explained on the special permit.

Selected hunters reporting for this hunt will be asked to present the following:

- A valid Texas hunting license and any stamps as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area.
- Valid identification - hunters 17 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid **I.D.** before being legal to hunt on the WMA.
- A drawn Special Permit, valid for deer, issued for the Sierra Diablo Wildlife Management Area.

Hunter Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)

It is an offense for a person to be under the influence of alcohol or consume an alcoholic beverage while engaged in hunting activities, or to publicly consume or display an alcoholic beverage while on the W.M.A.

The nearest comprehensive medical complex is El Paso, 150 miles from the Area. The Area is located approximately 15 miles north-northwest of Van Horn. Cellular phone service is not available on the area. Emergency calls, during the hunt, can be placed to (480) 456-2319. For additional information, before the hunt, contact area manager at **(432)364-2228**.